Target for NREP and RLEGP

504. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for the National Rural Employment Programme and the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme during the last two years and for the current financial year;

(b) the targets achieved during the last two years and the estimated performance for the current year; and

(c) the number of SC/STs benefited under the above programme during the above period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) The employment targets fixed and the achievements made under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 are as under :

(Million mandays)

Year	NREP		RIEGP	
	Target	Employment generated	Target	Employment generated
1987-88	363.56	370·77	268·42	304·11
1988-89	342·68	340·44*	260.42	253·04

*As per reports received so far.

(c) The employment generated under NREP/RLEGP is monitored in terms of mandays and not in terms of individuals benefited. The share of SCs and STs for the employment generated under these programmes State-wise during the last 2 years is given in the Annexure-I and II enclosed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 21]

Advertisements to Small and Medium Newspapers by Government and Public Undertakings

505. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that small and medium newspapers are given less advertisement by Government and Public Undertakings; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, the total value of advertisements given to small and medium newspapers by Government and Public Sector Undertakings during the last three years till date; and

(c) whether Government propose to give more advertisements to such papers?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Government advertisements are not released to newspapers on the basis of their classifications as small, medium or big. These are released under the Advertising Policy of the Government keeping in view the publicity requirements and availability of funds. The total value of advertisements given to small and medium newspapers by Government and Public Sector Undertakings who route their ad-

vertisements through DAVP during the last three years was as under:—

	Amounts. Rs. P.
1986-87	2,66,62,787.63
1987-88	3,50,84,962.00
1988-89 (Till February, '89).	5,62,11,572.95

(c) Efforts are made to make optimum use of small and medium newspapers.

Decrease in Foodgrains Allocation for Distribution through Public Distribution System

506. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been decrease in foodgrains allocation, for distribution through Public Distribution System despite the bumper crops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to restore the original supplies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The allocation of foodgrains to various States/UTs under PDS was reviewed in February, 1989 keeping in view the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, improved market availability on arrival of new rice and kharif coarse-grain crop and the fact that the supply to Public Distribution System is only supplemental in nature. As a result of the review the rice quota of most of the States was reduced uniformly by 20 per cent and that of wheat increased by 5 per cent in view of its lean season. The increase in wheat allocations have been withdrawn in April, 1989 in view of improved market availability with the arrival of fresh wheat crop.

The allocation of wheat and rice from the Central Pool under PDS are only supplemental to the open market availability and are made on a month to month basis, taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors.

Offices of Publication Division in the States and their Sales Turnover

507. SHRI MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the Publications Division of the Ministry state-wise as on date;

(b) The corresponding number of these branches during the last three years; and

(c) the total sale of publications of the Ministry at these branches during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) There has been no change in the number of branches of the Division except the unit publishing "Indian & Foreign Review" which has been transferred to Ministry of External Affairs w.e.f. 1.7.88.

(c) The total sale of publications of the Ministry through its sales emporia, etc., during he last three years stood as under:

1986-87 — Rs. 215.44 Lakhs

1987-88 — Rs. 216.55 Lakhs

1988-89 — Rs. 261.18 Lakhs